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MATTERS
Inter-sessional meeting
6-10 May 1991, New York
Item 1 of the provisional agenda of
the Standing Committee

OPENING OF THE MEETING, ELECTION OF THE RAPPORTEUR, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional agenda and organization of work

Note by the secretariat

1. At its special session from 20 to 22 February 1991, by its decision 91/2 A of 22 February 1991, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) decided that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters should hold an inter-sessional meeting in May 1991. The Committee on Conferences has agreed to the scheduling of the meeting from 6 to 10 May 1991. The Bureau of the Governing Council, at its meeting on 8 April 1991, approved the provisional agenda for the inter-sessional meeting of the Standing Committee contained in annex I.

2. In paragraph 4 of its decision 91/2 A, the Governing Council decided that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters should work within the framework of procedures of the Council, in a similar manner to the Budgetary and Finance Committee, taking into account, inter alia, the latter's practice with respect to the organization of work, the preparation of decisions, as well as the reporting to the plenary meetings of the Council.

3. In accordance with section I, paragraph 4 (a), of Governing Council decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, the Budgetary and Finance Committee has its own agenda in a separate document and its own organization of work (DP/1991/BFC/L.1).

4. Similarly, the present document contains the provisional agenda and tentative schedule of work for the forthcoming meeting of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters (see annexes I and II).

5. In paragraph 3 of its decision 91/2 A, the Governing Council decided that the meetings of the Standing Committee should be chaired by the President of the Governing Council or by another member of the Bureau designated by the President.

6. Meetings will normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In that context, it may be recalled that, by section I, paragraph 3 (j), of its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, the Governing Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at their scheduled time. The Council, by section III of its decision 91/1 of 22 February 1991, decided to waive rule 22 of its rules of procedure for its meetings in 1991, in so far as that rule refers to the requirement that there be a quorum of one third of the members of the Governing Council present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate.

7. The tentative schedule of work of the Standing Committee should be considered provisional and indicative in nature, so that the Committee may be in a position to take up items on a flexible basis. In particular, should it complete consideration of an item before the date indicated, it would move immediately to the next item on its work schedule. The Standing Committee may also wish to make full use of the mechanism of informal consultations to facilitate its work and that of the Governing Council throughout the inter-sessional meeting.

Annex I

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS

(New York, 6-10 May 1991)

1. Opening of the meeting, election of the Rapporteur, adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
(Document DP/1991/SCPM/L.2)

2. Mid-term reviews of country and intercountry programmes.
(Documents DP/1991/6 and Add.1-8)

3. Evaluation.
(Documents DP/1991/17, DP/1991/22 and DP/1991/61)

4. Programme of work for 1991, including field visits to take place in the second half of 1991.
(Documents DP/1991/SCPM/L.1 and DP/1991/SCPM/1)

5. Other matters: UNDP Gulf Task Force.

6. Adoption of the report of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters to the Governing Council.

Annex II

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS

(New York, 6-10 May 1991)

Date	Time	Item of the provisional agenda of the Standing Committee
Monday 6 May	a.m.	Opening of the meeting, election of the Rapporteur, adoption of the agenda and organization of work [1]
		Mid-term reviews of country and intercountry programmes (continued from the special session, 20-22 February 1991) [2]
	p.m.	(item 2 continued)
Tuesday 7 May	a.m.	(item 2 continued)
	p.m.	Evaluation [3]
Wednesday 8 May	a.m.	(item 3 continued)
	p.m.	Informal consultations
Thursday 9 May	a.m.	Programme of work for 1991, including field visits to take place in the second half of 1991 [4]
	p.m.	Informal consultations
Friday 10 May	a.m.	Other matters: UNDP Gulf Task Force [5]
	p.m.	(item 5 continued)
		Adoption of the report of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters to the Governing Council [6]